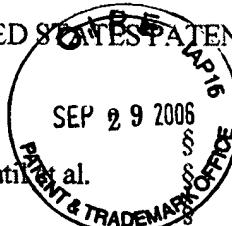


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DECLARATION OF MAHENDRA MADHUKAR PATIL
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I, Mahendra Madhukar Patil, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Mahendra Madhukar Patil and I reside in 2095, 16th B main road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560008.

2. I am presently employed by GE India Technology Center Private Limited, located at 122, EPIP, Phase-2 Whitefield Bangalore-560066, as the Senior Engineer in C&I Division. At the time the referenced invention was made, my designation was Mechanical Engineer in Advanced Mechanical Technology lab of Global Research Centre.

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3. I am a named co-inventor on the present patent application, Serial No. 10/812,338.

4. We conceived of and actually reduced to practice the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application prior to March 1, 2004. This conception and reduction to practice is evidenced by the presentation "Advanced Hood Presentation" pertaining to the invention dated February 9, 2004, a true and correct redacted copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. In accordance with the practices of my employer, General Electric Company, at the time of this invention, the above mentioned presentation was submitted to the Patent and legal operation as a part of the patent application process, and the application was filed on March 29, 2004.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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